

Appln. No. 09/531,026
Amdt. dated May 12, 2005
Preliminary Amendment

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

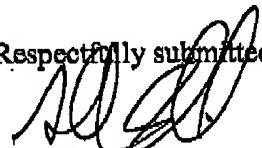
Applicants hereby thank the Examiner for the interviews held on May 10, 2005 and May 11, 2005, and May 12, 2005, regarding the instant application. During these interviews, various issues including amendments to the specifications and claims were discussed. In particular, the Examiner noted that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 8. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended above, in part, to include the limitations of claim 4 and 8 and is thus believed to be allowable. It is noted that canceled claim 8 recites, in part "said running step" which is now properly recited, in part, in claim 1 as "wherein said executing instructions step". Claims 2-3, 5-7, and 9 are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as is claim 1. Claims 11-13 are allowable for at least the same reasons as is claim 1. Claims 4, 8, 10 and 14 are canceled without prejudice.

The specification is also amended above correct minor mistakes.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (650) 752-2424.

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